GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:616
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TRAI DRAFT PAPER
ANANDRAO ADSUL

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India(TRAI) has prepared any draft paper on issues related to interconnection between two Telecom operators, etc.;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the TRAI has issued any guidelines in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI PF MAHAJAN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT TO BE LAID ON THE TABLE OF LOK SABHA IN RESPECT OF PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA STAI QUESTION NO. 616 FOR 8TH MAY, 2002 REGARDING TRAI DRAFT PAPER.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) TRAI prepared a Consultation Paper with the objective of:

(i) developing a General Frame-work of Interconnection;

(ii) evolving methodology for sharing revenue based on origination, transit and termination components of a long distance call;

(iii) Equal Ease of Access by subscribers to National Long Distance network including the issues relating to pre-selection and default carrier; and

(iv) presenting an outline of Interconnect Billing System.

This consultation paper has been prepared to consult concerned stake holders on various issues relating to interconnection, which is the key to the success of open competition introduced in various telecom service sectors in a Multi operator-Multi service scenario so that the benefits of competition are available to the telephone users in the form of high quality services at competitive prices.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the above.